



**MAIL STOP
AMENDMENT**

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: V. Faber et al. Attorney Docket No.: LIZA118255
Application No.: 10/006,999 Group Art Unit: 2621
Filed: December 3, 2001 Examiner: U. Hung
Title: METHOD FOR LOSSLESS ENCODING OF IMAGE DATA BY
APPROXIMATING LINEAR TRANSFORMS AND PRESERVING
SELECTED PROPERTIES FOR IMAGE PROCESSING

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Seattle, Washington 98101

January 24, 2005

TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the Restriction Requirement mailed November 22, 2004, applicants elect the species of Figure 2, related to Claims 1-18, for prosecution on the merits. Applicants understand that the prosecution of the claims in this application shall be restricted to Claims 1-18 if no generic claim is finally held to be allowable. If a generic claim is allowed in the present application, applicants will be entitled to consideration of claims to the additional species that are written in independent form or otherwise include the limitations of the allowed generic claim.

Applicants' election of Claims 1-18 is without traverse and without prejudice to applicants' right to file one or more divisional applications for the non-elected claims.

Applicants believe that Claims 1-18 stand in condition for allowance and therefore respectfully request the issuance of a Notice of Allowance at an early date.

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The Examiner is invited to contact applicants' attorney at the telephone number below should any matters remain to be resolved.

Respectfully submitted,

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